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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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- 3) From prior to February 8, 2000, until the filing of the patent application on September 8, 2000, I exercised due diligence toward reducing the invention to practice, as evidenced by DISCLOSURE MATERIAL, attached hereto as Exhibit A. The disclosure was evaluated and processed as part of IBM's standard patent processing procedures and culminated in the filing of the patent application on September 8, 2000.
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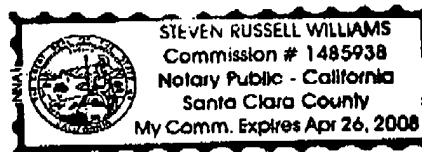
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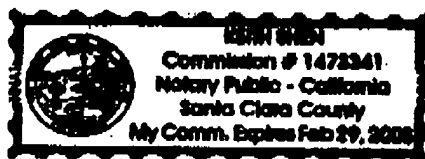
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